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Applicant: Verhoest et al.  
Serial No.: 09/781,861  
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TITLE: COMPACT PRINTING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Docket No.: AGFA1-3159  
Group Art Unit: 2854  
Examiner: Eickholt, E.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March  
25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10, with  
traverse.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement, it is  
respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims  
1-12 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the  
subject matter of any one of the claims would encompass a  
search for the subject matter of the remaining claims.  
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and  
examination of the entire application could be made without  
serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that  
"[i]f the search and examination of an entire application  
can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must  
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to  
independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is  
respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the

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present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of the invention would be helpful, perhaps in the form of an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants' representative is available at (518) 449-0044, and earnestly solicits such discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

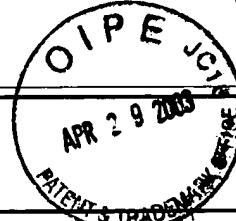
  
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